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Amendments to the Claims:

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (currently amended): A compressed-gas-insulated switching device, comprising:

a grounded encapsulating housing formed of electrically conductive material, said encapsulating housing having first and second flanges;

an electrical phase conductor electrically insulated within said encapsulating housing;

first and second coupling housings;

a circuit breaker interrupter unit;

a first insulating housing surrounding said interrupter unit, connected through said first coupling housing to said first flange and having an interior;

a switch disconnector;

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a second insulating housing surrounding said switch disconnector, connected through said second coupling housing to said second flange and having an interior;

said first insulating housing together with said interrupter unit and said first coupling housing, being interchangeable with said second insulating housing together with said switch disconnector and said second coupling housing;

said interrupter unit having a main current path with a first connecting point connected to said phase conductor and a second connecting point leading exteriorly from said interior of said first insulating housing; and

said switch disconnector having a first connecting point connected to said phase conductor and a second connecting point leading exteriorly from said interior of said second insulating housing.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The compressed-gas-insulated switching device according to claim 7, wherein said switch disconnector has a movable contact piece, and a drive device is coupled to said second coupling housing for moving said movable contact piece.

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Claim 9 (previously presented): The compressed-gas-insulated switching device according to claim 7, wherein said circuit breaker interrupter unit has a movable contact piece, and a drive device is coupled to said first coupling housing for moving said movable contact piece.

Claim 10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (previously presented): The compressed-gas-insulated switching device according to claim 8, which further comprises a drive shaft associated with said drive device and passing through a wall of said second coupling housing.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The compressed-gas-insulated switching device according to claim 9, which further comprises a drive shaft associated with said drive device and passing through a wall of first said coupling housing.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The compressed-gas-insulated switching device according to claim [[10]]7, wherein:

said circuit breaker interrupter unit has a movable contact piece, a first drive device coupled to said first coupling housing for moving said movable contact piece, and a first

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drive shaft associated with said drive device and passing through a wall of first said coupling housing; and

said switch disconnector has a movable contact piece, a second drive device coupled to said second coupling housing for moving said movable contact piece, and a second drive shaft associated with said drive device and passing through a wall of said second coupling housing.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The compressed-gas-insulated switching device according to claim 8, wherein said drive device is disposed on an outer periphery of said second coupling housing and supported by said encapsulating housing.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The compressed-gas-insulated switching device according to claim 9, wherein said drive device is disposed on an outer periphery of said first coupling housing and supported by said encapsulating housing.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The compressed-gas-insulated switching device according to claim 11, wherein said drive device is disposed on an outer periphery of said second coupling housing and supported by said encapsulating housing.

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Claim 17 (previously presented): The compressed-gas-insulated switching device according to claim 12, wherein said drive device is disposed on an outer periphery of said coupling housing and supported by said encapsulating housing.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The compressed-gas-insulated switching device according to claim 13, wherein said drive devices are each disposed on an outer periphery of a respective one of said coupling housings and supported by said encapsulating housing.

Claim 19 (new): A compressed-gas-insulated switching device, comprising:

a grounded encapsulating housing formed of electrically conductive material, said encapsulating housing having first and second flanges;

an electrical phase conductor electrically insulated within said encapsulating housing;

first and second coupling housings;

a circuit breaker interrupter unit;

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a first insulating housing surrounding said interrupter unit,
connected through said first coupling housing to said first
flange and having an interior;

a switch disconnector;

a second insulating housing surrounding said switch
disconnector, connected through said second coupling housing
to said second flange and having an interior;

a drive shaft associated with a drive device and passing
through a wall of said first coupling housing;

said interrupter unit having a main current path with a first
connecting point connected to said phase conductor and a
second connecting point leading exteriorly from said interior
of said first insulating housing; and

said switch disconnector having a first connecting point
connected to said phase conductor and a second connecting
point leading exteriorly from said interior of said second
insulating housing.

Claim 20 (new): The compressed-gas-insulated switching device
according to claim 19, wherein said circuit breaker

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interrupter unit has a movable contact piece, and said drive device is coupled to said first coupling housing for moving said movable contact piece.

Claim 21 (new): The compressed-gas-insulated switching device according to claim 19, wherein said switch disconnector has a movable contact piece, and a drive device is coupled to said second coupling housing for moving said movable contact piece.

Claim 22 (new): The compressed-gas-insulated switching device according to claim 21, which further comprises a drive shaft associated with said drive device and passing through a wall of said second coupling housing.

Claim 23 (new): The compressed-gas-insulated switching device according to claim 19, wherein said drive device is disposed on an outer periphery of said coupling housing and supported by said encapsulating housing.

Claim 24 (new): The compressed-gas-insulated switching device according to claim 19, wherein:

said circuit breaker interrupter unit has a movable contact piece and a first drive device coupled to said first coupling

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housing for moving said movable contact piece, said drive shaft being associated with said first drive device; and

said switch disconnector has a movable contact piece, a second drive device coupled to said second coupling housing for moving said movable contact piece, and a second drive shaft associated with said drive device and passing through a wall of said second coupling housing.

Claim 25 (new): The compressed-gas-insulated switching device according to claim 24, wherein said drive devices are each disposed on an outer periphery of a respective one of said coupling housings and supported by said encapsulating housing.